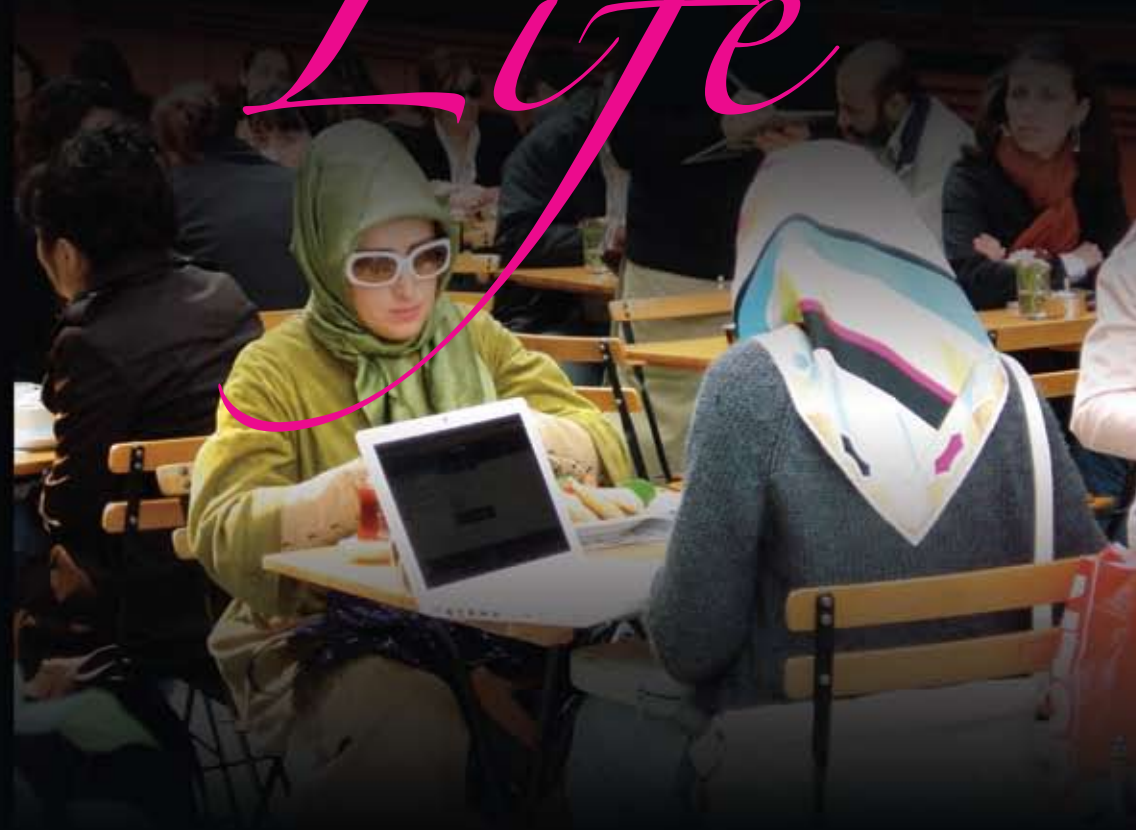




# GUIDE for *Life*



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The topic of women within society is one that has sparked debate for many centuries. Every era in time and every region in the world that neglected to acknowledge the ultimate creator, started to fall into decadence, and one of the first rights to be abused was that of the woman.

Over time, we could see many forms of humiliation. Discussions were held by Greek philosophers regarding whether women possessed souls. Some discussed whether the root of all temptation lay at the hands of Eve, for she according to them tempted Adam to

take from the tree. In many societies women are not allowed to inherit. Even in recent times, once a woman married, maybe even without her own consent, she became the property of her husband; hence changing her surname to that of her new husband, with no right to divorce. The right to vote was also a recent development.

In today's age, if we look at some of the issues regarding women, the Western woman appears to have been liberated, according to them. Because you often find that discussion about anything religious is now taboo, the philosophical issues of women possessing souls or who was the source of temptation with Adam and Eve has simply disappeared. The issue of inheritance has now been solved apparently, because the system of wills means that any injustice is now the fault of the person who dies. We know that marriage and divorce have moved on a lot in modern times, so much so that the average marriage now lasts just 4 years.

Women can now work in any field but you will often find them return home to look after the house and the children. Along with all this liberation you will find the exploitation by the beauty industries. In times of old, a sign of purity, chastity, nobleness and

honour was to dress modestly. Now, if you look at the models of nobility and honour amongst women, you will find the modern day depiction of Mary, mother of Jesus as nobility personified. If you look at a nun, you will see the same; however if you look at the same dress on a lady walking in the street today, a lady covered up and not a slave to modern fashion by being both dressed and undressed at the same time, she must be oppressed and either beaten or brainwashed into wearing that dress.

Therefore today there is a perception that things have moved on. All the misnomers mentioned above seem solved for women in certain communities, and seem to be a point of attack for other communities. So, in looking at the rights of Women, surely a system must exist that honours the women, provides her dignity, puts her on an equal footing with that of her male counterpart, advises her on whom it is better to cover in front of and whom to show her beauty to, a system that must show fairness to every one on this planet, it must demonstrate justice between the sexes and furnish appropriate rights to everyone. This system was implemented 1400 years ago, and afforded the rights mentioned above plus many more and was designed by the creator of

humankind itself. It stopped the view that females were dishonourable, it told us that men and women were created equal in the sight of the creator; that their greatness was seen in terms of piety. It became incumbent upon all those around the women to protect them, provide for them and ensure their health and safety. Their right to vote, be an independent identity, the right to choose her husband, divorce if she wishes, gain wealth and dispose of it how she wishes all became guaranteed by the creator.

